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Dr. Everett Rhoades, Director Indian Health Service Department of Hlt. & Human Services Public Health Service Health Resources & Services Admin. Rockville, Maryland 20857 Confidential Claim Retracted

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Date:<u>&/a5/13</u>

Re: Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) on the Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine

Dear Dr. Rhoades:

Enclosed herewith please find copies of a letter of transmittal to Assistant Secretary Carruthers along with a resolution and summaries of comments and discussion on the recently published PDEIS. It is the desire of the Pueblo of Laguna Council that your agency actively address those concerns relative to its charge under the federal trust responsibility to Indian Tribes.

We believe that a major study is in order so that the health impacts on residents and miners may be determined and/or projected. In the past you have demonstrated that general scientific studies have been done on the precise issue the Pueblo of Laguna is faced with. On behalf of the Pueblo I now request that the Indian Health Service take a definitive stand on this issue.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Vincenti Pedro, Sr.

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